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Dear Sir:

The Applicant and those individuals involved in the  
preparation and/or prosecution of the above-identified  
Application have become aware of the following references which  
the Examiner may consider material to the patentability of the  
above-identified Application:

<u>U.S. PATENT NUMBER</u>	<u>PATENTEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
5,160,421	Melnyk et al	11/1992

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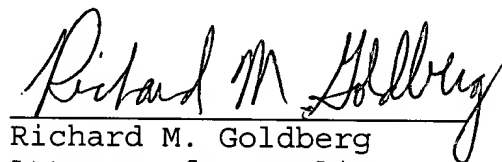
Copies of the above references are enclosed.

A Search Report in the corresponding PCT Application which discusses the relevance of the above references is enclosed along with an English-language translation. This satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation.

In addition, one PTO-1449 Form is enclosed, which lists the above references. It is requested that the Examiner initial this Form and return a copy thereof to the undersigned.

It is requested that the above-identified references be made of record in the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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